

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1-25 and added new claims 26-50. As a result, claims 26-50 are pending in this application. These amendments are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the objections and rejections and reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

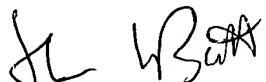
In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 8-14, and 19-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,026,413 (Challenger); claims 1, 2, 9-14, and 19-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,675,802 (Allen); claims 1-3, 10-15, 20-23, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,356,903 (Baxter); claims 1, 3, 5-7, 10-13, 15, 17, 20-22, 24, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,623,529 (Lakritz); claims 1-3, 5-15, and 17-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,128,652 (Toh) in view of Challenger; and claim 7 is objected to for depending on a canceled claim.

By this amendment, Applicants have amended the specification to remove references to appendices C and D. Further, Applicants have amended FIG. 5A by a replacement sheet included herewith. In particular, a WorkflowSeqID column 504F was added to Translate Link Table 500. Support for this addition can clearly be found in the first full paragraph of page 24 of the specification that describes FIG. 5A as including column 504F.

Still further, Applicants have canceled claims 1-25 and presented new claims 26-50. As a result, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-stated rejections and objection with respect to claims 1-25 are now moot. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that the newly presented claims 26-50 are allowable as presented. For example, with respect to independent claim 26, none of the art of record discloses, *inter alia*, the claimed managing steps and updating step. Similarly, with respect to independent claim 38, none of the cited art of record discloses, *inter alia*, the claimed managing means and updating means. Further, with respect to independent claim 45, none of the cited art of record discloses, *inter alia*, the claimed managing means and automatically generating means.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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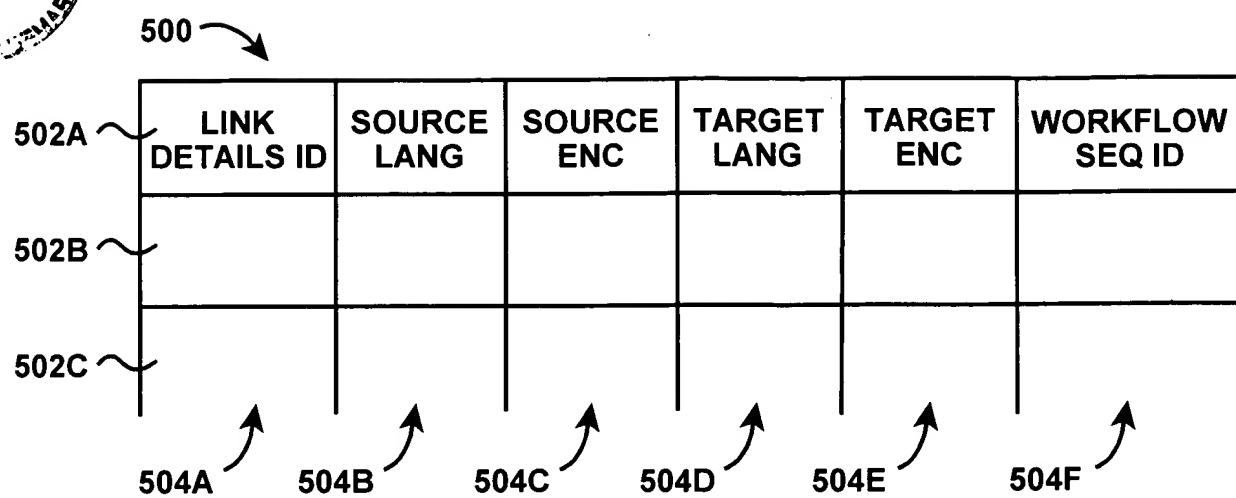


FIG. 5A

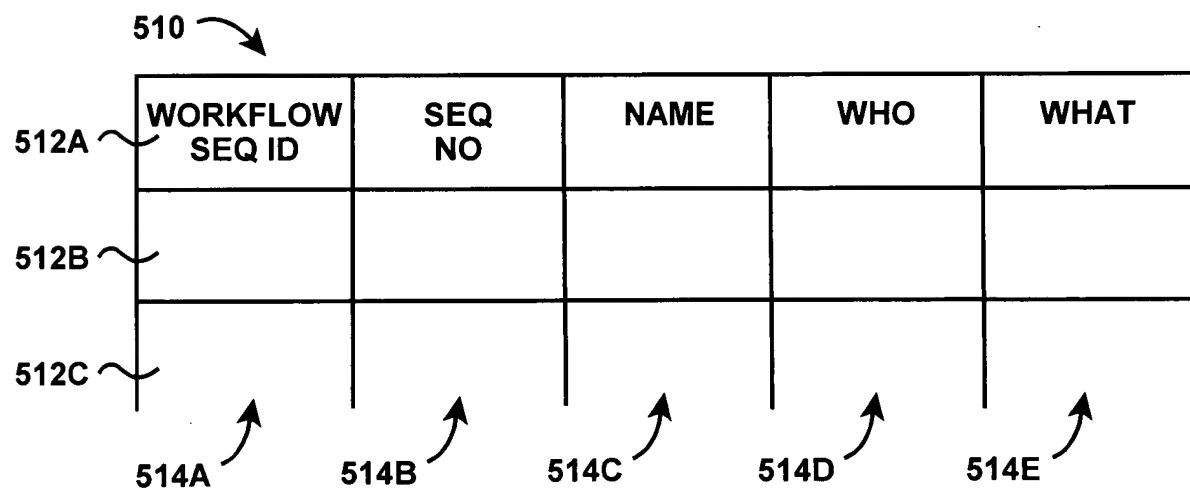


FIG. 5B